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Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to the various provisions of General Assembly resolutions 50/113 of 20 December 1995 and 51/181 of 16 December 1996, the following documents, which have been issued for the consideration of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory body for the special session of the Assembly devoted to an overall review and appraisal of Agenda 21, are hereby transmitted to the Assembly at its nineteenth special session:

(a) E/CN.17/1997/2 and Add.1-31: report of the Secretary-General on overall progress achieved since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

(b) E/CN.17/1997/3 and Corr.1: report of the Secretary-General on global change and sustainable development: critical trends;

(c) E/CN.17/1997/4: report of the Secretary-General on an assessment of activities that pose a major threat to the environment;

(d) E/CN.17/1997/5: report of the Secretary-General on an assessment of progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 at the national level;

(e) E/CN.17/1997/6: report of the Secretary-General on proposals for the streamlining of requests for national reporting;

(f) E/CN.17/1997/7 and Corr.1: report of the Secretary-General on an inventory of ongoing energy-related programmes and activities of entities within the United Nations system, on coordination of such activities and on arrangements needed to foster the linkage between energy and sustainable development within the system;

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(g) E/CN.17/1997/8: report of the Secretary-General on the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development: application and implementation;

(h) E/CN.17/1997/9: report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive assessment of the freshwater resources of the world;

(i) E/CN.17/1997/11: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the implementation of that Convention;

(j) E/CN.17/1997/14: report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(k) E/CN.17/1997/15: note verbale dated 11 February 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;

(l) E/CN.17/1997/16: letter dated 29 January 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;

(m) E/CN.17/1997/18: note verbale dated 18 February 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;

(n) E/CN.17/1997/19: letter dated 18 February 1997 from the Permanent Representatives of Brazil and Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;

(o) E/CN.17/1997/21: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the contribution of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;

(p) E/CN.17/1997/23: letter dated 1 April 1997 from the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women to the Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

(q) E/CN.17/1997/24: letter dated 21 April 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus addressed to the Secretary-General.

2. Those documents will be before the General Assembly for its consideration at the nineteenth special session.